

TRIBAL NATION GRANT FUND PROGRAM**Minutes of the April 9, 2021
Tribal Nation Grant Fund Program Meeting**

Hearing Room 100/Teleconference
2399 Gateway Oaks Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833
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OPEN SESSION**1. Call to Order**

Christina Snider called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.

2. Traditional Opening

Chairman Denver led the Panel in a traditional opening prayer.

3. Roll Call

Roll call of Panel members was taken with Chairman Attebery, Chairwoman Pinto, Chairwoman Bovee, Chairman Miller, Vice-Chairwoman Ross, and Chairman Denver present via teleconference. Quorum was met and all Panel members were identified as voting members. Chairman Smith joined the meeting late and was identified as a voting member.

4. Approval of March 19, 2021 TNGF Meeting Minutes

Chairman Denver made a motion to approve the March 19, 2021 meeting minutes, Chairwoman Bovee seconded the motion with Chairman Attebery, Chairwoman Pinto, Chairman Miller, and Vice-Chairwoman Ross voting yes to approve; by consensus, the Panel members approved the March 19, 2021 meeting minutes.

5. Consideration of Equal Distribution Grant Extensions and Amendments**a) Elk Valley Rancheria**

Chairman Miller recused himself from the discussion and was placed in the waiting room.

Chairwoman Pinto made a motion to approve the Elk Valley Rancheria request for extension with the requirement to continue to report every 6-months; Vice-Chairwoman Ross seconded the motion with Chairman Attebery, Chairwoman Bovee, and Chairman Denver voting yes to approve; by consensus the Panel approved.

b) Resighini Rancheria

Chairman Attebery made a motion to approve the Resighini Rancheria request for extension with the requirement to continue to report every 6-months; Chairman Miller seconded the motion with Chairwoman Pinto, Chairwoman Bovee, Vice-Chairwoman Ross, Chairman Smith, and Chairman Denver voting yes to approve; by consensus the Panel approved.

6. Consideration of Emergency Response Grant Amendments

a) Pit River (reallocation request)

Chairman Attebery made a motion to approve the Pit River request for reallocation; Chairwoman Pinto seconded the motion with Chairwoman Bovee, Chairman Miller, Vice-Chairwoman Ross, Chairman Smith, and Chairman Denver voting yes to approve; by consensus the Panel approved.

7. Consideration of Emergency Response Grant Applications

Tribe	Proposal
<p>a) Pinoleville (tabled item)</p> <p>The Emergency Response Grant submitted on 2/1/2021 cannot be considered until the amendment of the approved Emergency Response Grant submitted on 12/1/20 is considered. This item continues to be tabled.</p>	<p>Emergency Reimbursement Adequate Housing</p>
<p>b) Round Valley Indian Tribe</p> <p>Chairwoman Pinto made a motion to approve the Round Valley Indian Tribes grant application for \$100,000 as submitted; Chairwoman Bovee seconded the motion with Chairman Attebery, Chairman Miller, Vice-Chairwoman Ross, Chairman Smith, and Chairman Denver voting yes to approve; by consensus the Panel approved.</p>	<p>Round Valley Indian Tribes</p>
<p>c) Round Valley Indian Tribe</p> <p>Chairwoman Pinto believes this application is a combination of emergency response and emergency preparedness, but recommends approving.</p> <p>Chairwoman Bovee agrees that this falls under both and with fire season coming, dealing with an emergency fire will be too late.</p> <p>Chairwoman Pinto made a motion to approve the Round Valley Indian Tribes grant application for \$100,000 as submitted; Chairwoman Bovee seconded the motion with Chairman Attebery, Chairman Miller, Vice-Chairwoman Ross, and Chairman Denver voting yes to approve, Chairman Smith abstained; by consensus the Panel approved.</p>	<p>Emergency Response Utility Vehicle</p>

d) Round Valley Indian Tribe

Chairman Attebery – is this going to solve the problem. Are the illegal grows still there, or is this to clean up the mess that was left behind from these illegal grows?

Public Comment

Julia Russ, Round Valley Indian Tribe - Grant Writer, sites that are designated for cleanup will be future home sites. These are grow sites that were abandoned and used as dumpsites. We cannot put tribal members on the properties in these conditions. The sites have been removed from people who caused the problem, and with the new ordinances in place around home site usage, we are trying to avoid this in the future. We are working on getting the home sites in a condition where it is safe for children, elders and families to live on.

Chairman Denver – were there abandoned vehicles on the site as well?

Julia Russ – yes, abandoned vehicles are a problem, it is something we are working diligently on. There is a significant cost to having these vehicles removed. Although we know we will not be able to remove every vehicle, we are looking at the specific home sites to get those cleaned up for families to live on.

Commission Chief Counsel Todd Vlaanderen suggested, what might help the Panel is to express why this particular grant requires emergency action.

Julia Russ, the reason we declared this an emergency is, if we don't reassign the home site, we have people that will come in and grow - they think the land is abandoned/vacant. Non-tribal members will come in and offer money to tribal members to do grows on sites that are not assigned to a specific tribal member, but tribal members will give them permission to grow and these sites will pop-up. We need to get these sites cleaned up and reassigned so this will not happen. It's hard to keep up, especially with our limited tribal police force. Mendocino County does not enforce our ordinances, they will come out and enforce trespassing, but they are not always available, and they do not always know who is allowed to live on tribal land. We need to assign these home sites so that we can know who is living there, taking care of it, and developing it.

Chairwoman Pinto made a motion to approve the Round Valley Indian Tribes grant application for \$100,000 as submitted; Vice-Chairwoman Ross seconded the motion with Chairman Attebery, Chairman Bovee, Chairman Miller, Chairman Smith, and Chairman Denver voting yes to approve; by consensus the Panel approved.

Chairman Attebery – Karuk Tribe worked out an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources in Humboldt County, when anyone applied for a permit, they would consult with Tribe before they approved it. It helps us monitor the situation.

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8. Panel Nomination Updates

The panel nomination letter was finalized on Governor's Office letterhead today and will go out shortly after this meeting. It will also be posted on the TNGF website and Erica will send it out to her contact list.

We are asking that in the expressions of interest and nomination submissions that you indicate the region of the nominee, the desired term which is one, two or three years, the tribe of the nominee, and whether it's non-gaming limited gaming or a contributing tribe, and the tribe or organization that you are speaking on behalf of.

Submissions can be emailed to Christina Snider.

9. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Pinoleville Emergency Response application will be the only agenda item.

10. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

Closed Session - Tribal Nation Grant Fund Panel Discussion of Confidential Tribal Information Pursuant to Government Code section 11126.4.5

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- a) Elk Valley Rancheria

II. Consideration of Emergency Response Grant Amendments

- a) Pit River (reallocation request)

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